



The Federation of Stoke Hill Schools

10th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We write to let you know that we are **STILL** very much looking forward to you and your child joining us at

Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School

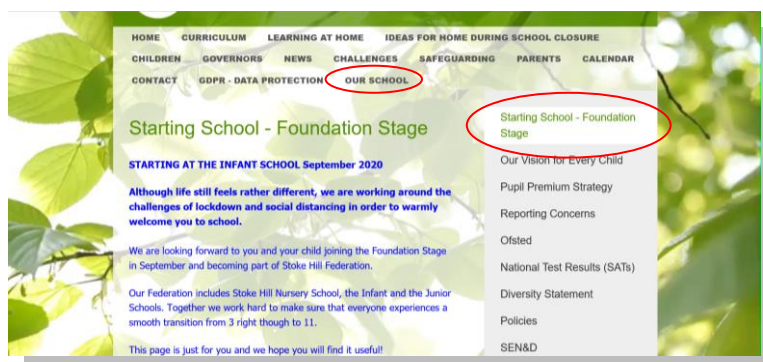
Since I last wrote on 20th April we have all lived through incredible, almost unimaginable weeks and still are in a partial lockdown with the R rate uncertain.

However, what is not uncertain is that we are planning to welcome you and your child to the school in new and online ways!

First of all, please visit the schools website www.stokehill@devon.sch.uk

Currently you arrive at our leafy home page, then please navigate your way to the **Our School** tab > **Starting School** – Foundation Stage page

We are developing our website at the moment and so if it looks any different to this we will let you know!



On the **Starting School** page, you will find:

- a 'photo story' of the Foundation Stage
- photos and descriptions of the staff your child will meet in September
- the Foundation Stage Induction Policy which we will ask you to read
- a head teacher 'Welcome Message' from myself
- an archive of stories that the Foundation Stage staff have recently recorded for their current class to enjoy, whilst they have been 'learning at home'

New 'starting school' stories will be recorded by staff soon, so visit the website again later in June.

Induction Arrangements from June 2020

1) School Tour

Whilst we are staying safe by reducing transmission risks and keeping the minimum number of adults in school low, instead of an actual 'tour' we offer you a 'photo story' of the places and people your child has yet to meet. Find this on the website's 'Starting School' page

If health guidance changes before September to allow for actual visits, we will arrange these as

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quickly as is possible. However, for now, enjoy the photo story ~

2) Stay and Play Visit

This opportunity will happen now in September. Currently we anticipate some part-time days for every child during which your child will be able to come and visit and to 'stay and play' with you in our classrooms or in our outside area.

A small number of children at a time will be invited to the 'stay and play' sessions, so that we can remain distanced and as safe as possible.

Much depends upon the Government's advice regarding starting up the new school year. As yet, we do not know how the R rate will impact upon school opening for 2020-21. However, be assured that we will continue to follow the appropriate scientific and government guidance.

We will also make the best of every opportunity we can find to get to know you and your child before beginning your chosen hours.

If you plan for your child to begin school in January 2021 please also access the introductory 'photo story'. We will invite you to 'stay and play' sessions that we are safely able to host in November.

3) One-to-One Visits

Until now, teachers have offered visits to the home at the start of September. During the very small group sized 'stay and play' sessions we think that a One-to-One conversation with you will be possible. We will staff these sessions well so that your child will be able to play with other adults and children happily, whilst you talk to your child's teacher.

Shortly we will confirm with you your child's teacher and teaching assistants– they are all fabulous!

Next Steps

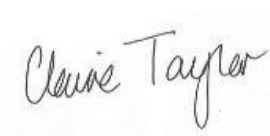
Please would you:

- visit the website often
- read the Induction Policy
- return the attached survey
- look forward to your child beginning school!

Any questions?

Please contact Claire Taylor the Foundation Stage Leader on claire.taylor@stokehill.devon.sch.uk

With a warm welcome and best wishes for your health and wellbeing,



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